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REMARKS: Serial No. 09/785,143, filed 02/16/2001
Attached hereto is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Preliminary Amendment for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Please confirm receipt of this facsimile transmission.

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Applicants:	Steven O. HOBBS et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	4992
Serial No.:	09/785,143	§	Group Art Unit:	2122
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 15, 2004, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.